

ment as have been or shall be legally constituted for the study, advancement, and benefit of agriculture, commerce, and other industries; the chief purpose of this department being to foster, promote, and develop the agricultural interests and the welfare of the farmers of Porto Rico; to improve their market conditions, and to advance their opportunities for profitable sale of their products, and shall perform such other duties as may be prescribed by law."

Authority and duties.

SEC. 3. That between sections 18 and 19 of said Organic Act, approved March 2, 1917, a new section is hereby inserted to read as follows:

New section.
Vol. 39, p. 957.

"SEC. 18 (a). That the Commissioner of Labor shall have charge of such bureaus and branches of government as have been or shall be legally constituted to foster and promote the welfare of the wage earners of Porto Rico; to improve their working conditions, and to advance their opportunities for profitable employment, and shall perform such other duties as may be prescribed by law."

Commissioner of
Labor.
Authority and duties.

Approved, February 18, 1931.

CHAP. 219.—An Act To extend the time for construction of a free highway bridge across the Sabine River where Louisiana Highway Numbered 21 meets Texas Highway Numbered 45.

February 18, 1931.
[S. 5456.]

[Public, No. 678.]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the times for commencing and completing the construction of a bridge authorized by Act of Congress approved January 29, 1929, to be built by the State of Louisiana and the State of Texas across the Sabine River where Louisiana Highway Numbered 21 meets Texas Highway Numbered 45, are hereby extended one and three years, respectively, from the date of approval hereof.

Sabine River.
Time extended for
bridging, between Ver-
non Parish, La., and
Newton County, Tex.
Vol. 45, p. 1083,
amended.

SEC. 2. The right to alter, amend, or repeal this Act is hereby expressly reserved.

Amendment.

Approved, February 18, 1931.

CHAP. 220.—An Act Authorizing the State of Louisiana and the State of Texas to construct, maintain, and operate a free highway bridge across the Sabine River where Louisiana Highway Numbered 6 meets Texas Highway Numbered 21.

February 18, 1931.
[S. 5457.]

[Public, No. 679.]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That in order to facilitate interstate commerce, improve the postal service, and provide for military and other purposes, the Louisiana Highway Commission and the State Highway Commission of Texas be, and are hereby, authorized to construct, maintain, and operate a free highway bridge and approaches thereto across the Sabine River, between Sabine Parish, Louisiana and Sabine County, Texas, at a point suitable to the interests of navigation, where Louisiana Highway Numbered 6 meets Texas Highway Numbered 21, in accordance with the provisions of an Act entitled "An Act to regulate the construction of bridges over navigable waters," approved March 23, 1906.

Sabine River.
Louisiana and Texas
may bridge, between
Sabine Parish, La., and
Sabine County, Tex.

Location.

Construction.
Vol. 34, p. 84.

SEC. 2. There is hereby conferred upon the Louisiana Highway Commission, and the State Highway Commission of Texas all such rights and powers to enter upon lands and to acquire, condemn, occupy, possess, and use real estate, and other property needed for the location, construction, operation, and maintenance of such bridge and its approaches as are possessed by railroad corporations for railroad purposes or by bridge corporations for bridge purposes in

Right to acquire real
estate, etc., for location,
approaches, etc.